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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use alternative providers for internet and phone. Right now, I cannot get cellular phone service from my house using AT&T or Verizon, and it's been a frustrating experience.

Internet is less expensive, faster, and more reliable with my current alternative provider than using any of the big names. This allows me to work for companies located worldwide and bring in revenue to the US that would otherwise go to people in countries that have leap-frogged the US in technology.

When I visit Kentucky, and am stuck with slow DSL from "big name" providers (and no competition), I can't even work ... and hence am limited in my travels to visit family.

For the U.S., which should be the leader - and not a follower -

It's saddened me over the years as I've seen competition diminish ... Cingular purchasing AT&T and then changing their name to AT&T was a blow, AT&T used to be good and Cingular has been dismal from the beginning. They of course continued that tradition after the acquisition.

As choices diminish, it's been awful watching other countries consistently surpass the US in communication tech, in part because of the lack of innovative competition. Making it any harder to compete here is just not good for me, business or US tax revenue.

Please, keep competition viable.

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